



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 2022

By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.64, Article 6, a scheduled board meeting was held via Zoom.

Attendance

Members Present: Chair Dr. Erin Johnson, Dr. Bradley McConnell, Sherri Scott, Bernard Gatewood

Staff Present: Lacey Derr, Records & Licensing Supervisor, Director Sara Chambers

Public Present: From Alaska Psychological Association (AK-PA) Executive Director Marvo Reguindin and Dr. Jana Zeedyk. Public attendee Malan Paquette (SP??)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The board was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. Review Agenda

Board reviewed agenda

Motion to approve agenda: 1st Chair Johnson – 2nd Dr. McConnell

Approved unanimously

3. Model Licensure Act – HB276

Chair Johnson reviewed the February 28, 2022 letter from AK-PA and edited HB276 from Mr. Reguindin with the board. Chair Johnson informed the board the following changes had been made to HB276:

- ❖ Line 18 – 19: update to reflect “completed at least 3,000 hours of supervised professional experience gained through practicum, pre-doctoral listenership, or post-doctoral experience according to professional standards selected by the board.
- ❖ Line 10: updated to reflect “letters of reference as established by the board from professional sources in the field of behavioral health familiar with the applicant’s clinical work within the previous five years.”
- ❖ Line 13: “part time license” removed

The board briefly discussed post-doctoral training and ethical complaints with Mr. Reguindin. Mr. Reguindin stated his research reflected the need for at least 3,000 hours post-doctoral supervision experience. The board stated they would like AK-PA to provide more assistance with this legislation as AK-PA is the organization pushing for the change.

The board briefly discussed adding a Code of Ethics to their statutes/regulations.

The board briefly discussed reciprocity/credential requirements with Mr. Reguindin. Mr. Reguindin stated he had discussed this requirement with Representative Ivy Spohnholz; Representative Spohnholz had asked this section be removed from HB276 as she felt additional information is needed to understand why this change is being requested.

Dr. Zeedyk provided a brief background regarding why this section was requested to be included in HB276; she is not sure why this was pulled from the current version of the bill. Dr. Zeedyk stated there have been problems for applicants who completed their dissertation many years ago and the requirement to have their dissertation chair provide a letter of recommendation; she stated for individuals practicing for many years may not be able to contact their dissertation chair or this individual may have passed away. Dr. Zeedyk state that the AK-PA credential system is able to provide this information if applicants were unable to provide a dissertation chair letter and the board should be able to accept this alternate information.

Chair Johnson stated a current regulation project addressing this issue was currently in process. RLS Derr stated the regulation had ben approved and was in the finalization process.

Mr. Gatewood had to leave the meeting.

The board briefly discussed AK-PA's data bank and disciplinary databases.

Motion to approve agenda: 1st Dr. McConnell – 2nd Ms. Scott
to recommend aca pause the proposed amendment to re sequencing 3000 hours of supervised professional experience until additional information could be provided to the board.

Approved by a majority

Mr. Reguindin stated he would work with the AK-PA committee to gather additional information/date for the board.

The board thanked Mr. Reguindin and AK-PA for their assistance and participation.

4. Adjourn

The chair declared the board off the record at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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Sara Chambers, DCCED Boards and Regulations Advisor

Approved:
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Erin Johnson

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Dr. Erin Johnson, Chairperson
Board of Psychologists & Psychological Associate Examiners

Date: 3/7/2023